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PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO)

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1. CSA'S PROPOSAL REFLECTED PARA TWO AS WELL PRAGOCONCERT'S AS OUTLINED PARA SIX NOT ONLY RISKY BUT ALSO TOO UNREALISTIC TO CONSIDER. MOVEMENT OF ORCHESTRA'S PROPERTIES SOFIA/PRAGUE REQUIRE SEPARATE CARGO FREIGHTER.

2. DISTURBED AT PRAGOCONCERT'S LAST MINUTE REVERSAL OF THEIR AGREEMENT FURNISH ADEQUATE NUMBER OF PLANES FOR ORCHESTRA AND ITS PROPERTIES. LAST MINUTE CRISIS IN BUDAPEST FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO WARSAW WHICH CREATED UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES BROUGHT TOUR DISASTROUSLY CLOSE TO
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CANCELLATION AS IL-62 WAS NOT ADEQUATE.

3. HOPEFUL PRAGOCONCERT CAN RESOLVE THIS LAST-MINUTE
CRISIS. IN ANY EVENT, AND IF NECESSARY, EMB AUTHORIZED
PROCEED SEEK ALTERNATE SOURCES IN LOCATING AIRCRAFT AND
ADVISE COSTS ASAP. ROBINSON

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